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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : LINCOLN

ACTION: WH (PBS)(1-3)

INFO: WH (4), DCI (5), D/DCI (6), DD/P (L)(7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

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FOR CADICK

RE: LINC 4270 (IN 21580)

1. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE:

A. PLAN ALPHA: MATAMOROS STRIKE 25 JUNE EXPECTED TO
PROVIDE ANSWER TO WHETHER THIS PLAN SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND HOW.B. PLAN BETA: IF CONCLUSION ON ALPHA NEGATIVE AND
PRESENT COMBAT ENGAGEMENT STALLED THEN BETA MUST BE IMPLEMENTED
MAXIMUM ABILITY.C. PRESENT COMBAT: CIRCUMSTANCES PRECLUDE FULL SUPPORT
PRESENT ENGAGEMENT BEYOND 2400 JUNE 25 UNLESS FAVORABLE DECISION IS
ATTAINABLE WITHIN 24 HOURS THEREAFTER OR 2400 JUNE 26. IF CALCULATION
ALL FACTORS RESULTS IN NEGATIVE CONCLUSION THEN IMMEDIATE IMPLEMEN-
TATION OF ALPHA OR BETA MUST BE UNDERTAKEN. ALPHA WOULD TAKE PRE-
CEDENCE IN ANY EVENT IF CONSIDERED FAVORABLY AFTER BOMB STRIKE
25 JUNE.2. FOREGOING PLANNING IS PREDICATED ON BASIS OF ATTEMPTING
TO CONCLUDE OPERATION DECISIVELY IF POSSIBLE WITHIN TIME REMAINING~~SECRET~~

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BEFORE CEASE FIRE OR IF NOT TO ATTAIN MAXIMUM ADVANTAGES DURING THIS PERIOD. CESSATION HOSTILITIES UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS WOULD LEAVE SYNCARP LANDLOCKED AND UNTENABLE LOGISTICALLY. CONTROL OF BOND AT MINIMUM WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT LOGISTICAL BASE.

3. ODOYKE IS EXERCISING EVERY EFFORT TO GUIDE DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES TO ITS ADVANTAGE HOWEVER SITUATION IS NEITHER CONTROLLABLE OR PREDICTABLE. BEST ESTIMATE PROVIDES ABOUT 72 HOURS OF UNMOLESTED OPERATIONS WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR URGENCY IN PRESSING FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE VICTORY OR BEST ADVANTAGES POSSIBLE. TAKE NO ACTION RE DIPLOMATIC TEAMS UNTIL FURTHER WORD, ALTHOUGH CONTINUE TO THINK OF THIS CONTINGENCY AS PER YOUR SHERWOOD 386 (IN 21980).

4. NEED YOUR VIEWS SOONEST RE FOREGOING.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: COL. KING, WH, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT 0630 25 JUNE 54.

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